



Osaka Kun-ei Girls' High School

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Dear Principal

I'm writing to offer one of your students the opportunity to apply for a Kun-ei scholarship. If you think you might have a student with the following attributes, please put her name forward. The student should:

- be a female between the ages of 16 and 18
- have an above average record in her exam results for the past three years
- have already studied Japanese for a minimum of 2 years
- be extremely self-motivated
- be open to a new environment and a new way of doing things
- be willing to try new things
- be open and friendly
- not shy away from any responsibilities
- be a good ambassador for both your school and New Zealand
- not be afraid of public speaking
- understand that this experience is a reciprocal one – while the student is receiving this unique experience, they should be more than willing to give something back and should represent Kun-ei in a positive way and be a good role model for the girls going to New Zealand.
- understand that this scholarship is not an extended holiday away from home – that Kun-ei expects a high level of commitment to both study of the Japanese language and of the culture
- participate in all aspects of everyday life at school and in their homestay.
- be passionate about Japan and have a real interest in Kun-ei
- be 100% committed

While it may be hard to find someone with all the attributes mentioned above, this is really what we're looking for and unless the student is willing to put herself out there and really try to integrate herself into the culture, there is little point in her applying. We are looking for four very special girls this year.

To apply for the scholarship, the candidate should complete the following and post it back to me no later than November 15th.

- a written recommendation from her school principal
- a photocopy of the personal details and photo of her valid passport
- a 250-300 word essay on what she would get out of this experience and what she thinks she could give to the experience. This should also include the reason for her wanting to study in Japan, her connections to Japan and why she thinks she would be a successful applicant
- a short self-introduction in Japanese (she could include her name, age, where she lives, what school she attends, what grade she is in, and something about her family and her hobbies)
- a copy of her test results for the past two years
- a confirmation from the principal stating that the candidate is in fact a student at his/her school and has studied Japanese for a minimum of two years
- a completed visa application form (i.e. the Certificate of Eligibility form)
- a completed education history form
- 4 passport photos (in colour please)
- a completed 'Statement of Intention' form
- a completed 'Declaration of Health' form.

Please also tell the candidate that while this is a scholarship, there is a fee of \$1000. This will cover a small part of the cost of this scholarship (the scholarship is essentially worth \$25,000 or thereabouts) This is to be paid to Kun-ei by the middle of March.

The Kun-ei scholarship usually begins at the beginning of April and ends in the first week of January. We recommend that if family want to visit, that they do so in the middle of September (usually during the time of the school festival and the few days following). By this time, the girls have a pretty good hold of the language and it doesn't interfere too much with their school work.

We only allow the girls to take three consecutive days off . As the girls have a couple of days off after the school festival, they can essentially take a week off including the three days they are allowed to take off.

As this is a scholarship, the flight from Auckland to Osaka return is paid for. However the student will have to make her own way to and from Auckland.

On arrival, the girls will attend a scholarship orientation at which they will be familiarized with Kun-ei and what will be expected of them as scholarship students will be explained to them. During the orientation, they will be provided with a school uniform and we hope that they will treat the uniform with a certain amount of respect (i.e. not rip it, or mishandle it in any way). The reason for this is that the uniforms are expensive and we recycle them from year to year.

If the candidate is successful, she will be sent a written confirmation from our school principal, Mr Shirai, and then will receive further information about the scholarship henceforth. They will also be sent Japanese exercises and other forms to complete as well as a scholarship handbook.

This is the perfect opportunity for someone who is really passionate about Japan to learn the language and learn about its culture. We hope that you have someone who is exactly that – passionate, committed and above all willing to understand and accept differences between the culture of Japan and their own culture.

I look forward to receiving an application from one of your students.

Kind regards

Susan Marshall
Scholarship Advisor

P.S. If you don't have anyone interested this year, could you please advise me as soon as possible. Thank you.

I _____(name) intend to return to New Zealand
and _____

(your intention when you return) after I complete my scholarship
at Osaka Kun-ei Girls' High School in January 2012.

Signed _____

Medical Statement – Kun-ei Scholarship Program

1. Is the candidate currently taking medication or injections? Yes No
If yes, identify the medication, reason for usage, dosage and frequency.

2. Has the candidate ever consulted a neurologist, psychologist or any other specialist, for a nervous, emotional or eating disorder? Yes No
Is there a history of, or present evidence of, an emotional, nervous or eating disorder? Yes No

(If yes to either – a full report, by the specialist and a statement by the candidate about the illness or specific problem, must be attached in a sealed envelope .)

Note: Placement in a foreign host family, school and community requires adjustment, which often involves emotional stress. It will not be a time for relaxation, or temporary relief from any current therapy. If the candidate is experiencing current emotional, physical, personal or family difficulties, these difficulties can be severely exacerbated by the adjustment demands of the scholarship program. Therefore, you are requested to evaluate carefully, the candidate's current or previous condition and treatment, along with her ability to manage potential adjustment anxieties and stress in a foreign environment on a long-term basis.

3. Are there any health limitations or restrictions on the candidate's activities and/or sports participation or any medical information which should be considered for a home school placement? (Note that Phys. Ed. is a compulsory subject. Special allowances will be made in exceptional circumstances.) Yes No (If yes, please describe.)

4. Does the candidate wear glasses or contact lenses? Yes No

5. What was the date of the candidate's last dental check up?

Does the candidate wear dental braces? Yes No

If yes, will orthodontic care be needed while on the program? Yes No

Frequency: _____

6. The candidate has had the following immunizations. Please indicate yes or no.

Measles... Y / N

Mumps... Y / N

Rubella... Y / N

Diphtheria... Y / N

Tetanus... Y / N

Poliomyelitis Y / N

BCG Y / N

Others.....

TB TestResult + or - When: _____

Hepatitis Test (A, B, C)

Please note that a recent TB test is required for all Kun-ei students. If the student has not had a TB test in the past two years, the school will provide one shortly after her arrival.

7. Does the candidate have any known drug allergies or any other allergies.

OTHER: Please include any other information about the student's medical history/condition which you feel is relevant.

I, the undersigned, certify that all important recent medical information has been included. Nothing relevant has been omitted, and the candidate is able to travel and spend the year living with a Japanese family in Japan. I understand that the omission of any information could be harmful to the candidate's health care and could result in the forfeit of the scholarship.

Candidate's Name (please print) _____

Parent or Legal Guardian's signature _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Candidate's signature: _____ Date: _____